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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

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For:

HYBRID RISER OR PIPE FOR FLUID TRANSFER

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

December 19, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2002, and further to the Request for Continued Examination filed on even date herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 and 10 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend Claims 6, 7, 12 and 13 as follows:

6. (Three times amended) The system of Claim 11, wherein at least one of said one or more risers further comprises heat insulation means placed on at least the rigid riser part and/or the flexible riser part.